Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 28 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 29 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 27 Oct 2021 at 11:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: There is uncertainty in the distribution of rainfall over the coming days, and timings of individual bands of rain are likely to change by several hours. High for unsettled, changeable weather.

Headline for Thursday 28 Oct 2021: Fresh southerly winds bring a mixture of wet weather and brighter spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 28 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light rain showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Heavy Rain	Fog	Light rain showers (night)	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	20%	30%	70%	40%	30%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 28 Oct 2021

Weather: Clear spells and a few passing showers through the early hours. Then a frost free, bright or sunny start for most ranges. Thicker cloud and moderate to heavy rain will spread eastwards from mid morning to give an hour or two of wet weather, especially along the west coast. This will clear from the west through afternoon returning to bright and breezy conditions. Isolated showers passing through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% falling 30% during the middle of the day.

Visibility: Heavy spells of rain may turn lower slopes hazy for a short time, otherwise no issues expected below the cloud base. Patches of cloud above around 700m will become more extensive through morning and descend to 500m at times, especially across the west coast ranges. This will lift and break as rain clears to the east, but unreliably so.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	33/41 SW	30/38 SW	27/35 S	23/30 S	24/31 S	25/33 SW	24/33 SW	24/33 S	19/26 S
900	31/39 SW	29/37 SW	26/34 S	21/28 S	22/29 S	23/31 SW	24/32 SW	23/32 S	18/25 S
600	20/29 SW	20/28 SW	19/26 S	14/20 S	15/22 S	17/26 SW	17/25 SW	16/25 S	12/19 S
300	4/24 SW	8/29 SW	5/23 SW	4/16 S	5/21 S	7/23 SW	7/24 SW	6/21 S	4/16 S
Glen	7/20 S	9/23 S	6/17 S	6/15 SE	9/21 S	8/19 SW	9/22 S	7/19 S	7/16 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-2	5/-1	4/-2	5/-1	5/-1	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2
900	5/-1	6/-0	5/-0	5/0	6/0	5/0	5/-1	4/-1	4/-1
600	7/3	8/4	7/3	7/4	8/4	8/4	7/3	6/2	6/3
300	9/8	10/8	9/8	9/8	10/9	10/8	9/7	8/7	8/7
Glen	11/10	12/10	11/10	11/10	12/10	12/10	11/9	11/9	11/9
Freezing Level*	1700m	1500m	1600m	1600m	1700m	1600m	1500m	1500m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be prepared for poor visibility conditions above modest heights. Best conditions early and late.

Forecast for Friday 29 Oct 2021

Weather: Whilst there is some uncertainty in the forecast, the most likely scenario is for rain to spread north across all ranges early in the morning to leave a damp and dull start. Clearer conditions should then spread east from late morning to leave a much improved afternoon and evening. Much lighter winds compared to Thursday.

Maximum wind: South or southwest 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% morning, 80% afternoon and evening.

Visibility: Cloud will thicken and descend to around 400-600m through morning leaving extensively poor visibility across the hills. This will lift and break from the west leaving only patches of cloud above 800m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around plus 10 Celsius throughout.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits, falling around 1400m through evening.

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